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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of provocation, reconnaissance and the dropping of heat flares during the period 13 to 19 July 1993.

13 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Jabayish, Halibah, Busayyah, Amarah, Rifa'i, Nasiriyah and Artawi.

At 1400 hours on 13 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah and Shatrah. It left at 1550 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

At 2303 hours on 13 July 1993, a hostile formation dropped red heat flares on the Amghar border area.

14 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was reported in the northern region on 15 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

15 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dukan and Amadiyah.

At 1146 hours on 15 July 1993, a hostile United States two-aircraft formation flying at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 300 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace in the Bayjura area of Mosul.

At 1900 hours on 15 July 1993, aggressor aircraft dropped six heat flares on the Fayidah area in the Dohuk Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

16 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Salman, Lasaf, Busayyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qurnah.

17 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

18 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 77 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Basra, Ushbayjah and Qurnah.

19 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Dukan, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Suq al-Shuyukh, Artawi and Lasaf.

At 1245 hours on 19 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Amarah, Basra, Khidr, Nasiriyah, Shinafiyah, Hamzah and Samawah. It left at 1505 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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